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A 'ROAD OF LOVE' OR . . .

Malcolm X's Road of Violence

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SELMA, Ala., Feb. 5 — Two routes to the right to vote have been dramatically laid out to the Negroes of this Alabama city.

Malcolm X has given the route of the Black Muslims —

a route of violence. He told more than 300 Negroes — many of them high school students — crowded in an old brick church here yesterday:

"The black people have the right to the ballot. I am 100 per cent for their effort to get it —

and by whatever means is necessary."

The Rev. Fred L. Shuttleworth of Birmingham followed Malcolm X to the pulpit and laid out a route of non-violence — what he called a "road of love."

He said that when he and Martin Luther King Jr. first started working for Negro rights, they took this pledge:

"In our struggle to be free, we hold our affirm that not one hair on the head of one white man will be harmed."

Rev. Shuttleworth asked his Selma audience to take the same pledge.

CRITICAL

Malcolm X was critical of the United States — particularly its actions in the Congo. He accused the U. S. of instigating violence and said our nation "sent its planes to destroy people under the guise of a rescue mission."

"I don't think America is going out of business — not for communism or anything else," said Rev. Shuttleworth. "When I sing 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee,' I know it's my country. I thrill at seeing Old Glory flying in the breeze. I consider it a privilege to work in a movement such as this for I know this is what Old Glory stands for."

The contrast between Malcolm X and Rev. Shuttleworth was not limited to the doctrine they preached.

WELL-TAILORED

Malcolm X — a tall man with a light brown beard, horn-rimmed glasses, wearing a dark, well-tailored suit — preached his violence in scholarly tones.

Small, wiry Rev. Shuttleworth



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Black Muslim leader Malcolm X enters the picture in Selma, Ala.

—dressed in a loose-fitting brown suit— was every inch the actor as he marched up and down the stage behind the pulpit.

"Walk and keep on walking up and down our streets and to our courthouse to get our rights," he said.